



Semester Abroad at Arcadia University in Rome

Project Description

For my STEP signature project, I studied abroad in Rome during the Spring 2019 semester. During my time abroad, I lived in an apartment with five other study abroad students in Garbatella, a small neighborhood in Rome, took four classes focusing mainly on Roman culture and history, explored the city with my new friends, and traveled all over Europe to learn about other European history and culture on the weekends.

What I Learned

- Learned about daily life in a culture extremely different from my own
- The importance of shopping local
- Shopping local creates community



Why Rome?

My parents went on their honeymoon in Rome, so since I was little, it had been a dream of mine to visit this city. Studying abroad in Rome was the perfect opportunity for me to explore and learn about this city's rich culture and history, which is why I chose this destination.

Transformation

My experiences with the locals of Garbatella helped to transform my views of ways in which people can foster community. I had never before realized how shopping locally can create such a strong community, and can help people to create relationships with others. This transformation of my views is going to be significant when it comes to my future career. I plan on becoming a therapist, and something important in keeping people happy is fostering social interactions. Shopping locally and engaging with local storeowners is a different way in which people can create a community for themselves. I will take these new views on creating a community with me throughout my future career and my life.

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Favorite Parts

- Becoming friends with Dennis, an employee of the local bakery
- Eating my way through Rome!
- Exploring different European cities with my friends on the weekends

